

The Vinita Chieftain.

Weekly Edition

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CLARK IS PREJUDICED

Senator Clark of Wyoming, chairman of the senate investigating committee, has declared himself opposed to the wholesale removal of the restrictions from Indian lands. All the more necessary is it, therefore, to show the senator, as well as the other members of his party, that without the removal of the restrictions the development of this country will be held back many years, while the Indian himself will be prevented from developing into a self-reliant American citizen, which he must become if he is to win the struggle for existence.

No amount of coddling can make a man; the character that endures is built up only thru conflict.

In justice both to the whites and to the Indians of the new state the restrictions must be removed.

Senator Clark apparently comes to the territory with his mind already made up, but there is such a mass of testimony on the other side that if he is in any wise fair-minded he will be compelled to acknowledge his mistake. It is our duty to present our case in such manner that he cannot further accept our conclusions.

UPHOLD THE LAW.

In one instance at least, however may have been the mistakes of Secretary Hitchcock, and they have not been few,—it must be admitted even by his enemies that the secretary has not pondered to the Standard Oil company. His refusal to allow the Standard to absorb, contrary to law, the over-grown holdings of the Barnsdall company has just been upheld by President Roosevelt, who is just as firm as his secretary in maintaining that the law prohibiting the holding of leases on more than 4,000 acres by one person must be obeyed by the Standard Oil as well as by the smaller independent operators.

FOR BETTER SCHOOLS.

Before the election for state officials, which will be held in a few months, an even more important election to this city will be held in Vinita. This will be the election in December for members of the school board. The present board has refused to permit the establishment here of a free public high school.

Davis Hill, who has been the leader in this policy of opposition to free education, will be asking for reelection, either in his own person, or thru some reliable lieutenant. The people who want to see Vinita grow must combine to defeat Mr. Hill's hold on the schools of this city. As long as he controls, Vinita will be without the schools which every other city of anywhere near its size has for years.

It is none too early now to begin lining up the forces for better schools and a progressive Vinita.

EASILY SATISFIED

William J. Bryan professes to find cause for great comfort in the returns from the recent election. He says the reduction of the Republican majority in the national house of representatives to a paltry sixty is indisputable proof that the Democrats will win in 1908.

Mr. Bryan is entitled to rank as the champion optimist for the United States. His rainbow is ever before him, and its colors never fade. No one grudges him his dreams, however; they comfort him, and they do no harm. If he is able to construe a Democratic victory out of a Republican majority of sixty, certainly no one would take from him whatever satisfaction he may be able to secure from such a belief.

IT STILL LIVES

The Iowa idea still lives. There was a tremendous fight made against the reelection of Governor Cummins of Iowa, both by the Democrats, and by the corporation Republicans, but the fighting executive of the Hawkeye state won against all odds.

His victory shows that there is thro'out the west a determination to secure a revision of the tariff, and an equal determination to entrust this work, not to the Democrats, who are unfriendly to the principle of a protective tariff, but to the Republicans, who created the tariff, and who would revise it in such a way as to preserve the good features which are eliminating the injurious ones that have developed during the years.

HOW CONFINE THEM?

Do you know that there are men who make it a business here in Vinita to stand around upon the street corners and warn intending settlers against coming to this city or investing their money here? Who, indeed, have been the means of turning away from here more than one man who had intended to remain and to invest his money?

Whether you know it or not, there are men of that kind here. Having failed of success in life, having become confirmed pessimists, they are resolved that if it is possible for their influence to accomplish it, their neighbors shall be just as unsuccessful as they.

What can we do with such knackers? Against the energetic efforts of the Commercial club, of course, their influence can avail little, but, at the same time, they do succeed in causing some harm; every knacker, however limited his sphere, has some harmful influence.

Cannot the knackers be all confined in some charitable institution where they may exercise their talents against one another, without injury to their booster neighbors? Vinita especially has no use for such men at this time. The town was never so prosperous as it is today; the outlook was never so hopeful. Some cities of the territory, it must be confessed, have grown somewhat too rapidly in comparison with the development of the country in which they are situated, and must suffer a temporary reaction.

Vinita is not one of those cities. Vinita's growth has always been steady and conservative. If anything, Vinita is behind rather than ahead of the development of the surrounding country. Every bank and every business house in this city is solidly founded; there never has been and cannot be any danger here of a financial crash.

Vinita enters statehood with a brighter future than she has ever had. Not one of her sister cities is in such a position as Vinita; not one is so certain as is Vinita of a rapid growth and a substantial growth in the immediate future.

If there ever was a time in Vinita's history when the knacker had an excuse of his being, that time is long past. Now every man should put his shoulder to the wheel and push. Now is the time of all time for Vinita to go forward. And, we repeat, cannot something be done to put a quietus on the few knackers who have survived their day?

ON BOTH SIDES

The editor of the Grove Sun has been particularly rabid against The Chieftain in the campaign just closed. This is, in Grove he has been rabid. He has occupied a rather peculiar position. In Grove he has been running a Democratic newspaper and none of the editors of the territory have shown more fertility of imagination than he in inventing campaign canards.

Across the line in Missouri, however, the editor has a Republican in law who was running for office in the last campaign. And Son in Law Butler, after loading his gun to the limit with Democratic thunder, has during the campaign been in the habit of slipping over the line into Missouri and assisting in his father in law's campaign. Brother Butler is evidently what Mark Twain would describe as "a versatile cuss."

MUST HAVE HIGH SCHOOL

Twenty-six per cent of illiteracy in Indian Territory, and only three per cent in Oklahoma! What a comment on Washington mismanagement! In view of such a frightful rate of illiteracy in this territory it is no wonder there are many here in Vinita who are opposed to the establishment of a free public high school.

Not that high school must be established. We are a part of Oklahoma now, and Oklahoma has always prided herself on her schools. We must give our children just as good an education as is given in any city anywhere in the country. And, in order that this must be done, we must, at school election to be held in December, elect trustees who are in favor of the establishment of a high school.

OUR VISITORS.

To the distinguished visitors who are in our city today, Vinita bids a hearty welcome. We trust that the visit of the senators here may be in all respects pleasant. Most of all, however, we hope that the members of the committee may recognize our need for help as imperatively as we recognize it, and may return to Washington committed to the policy of giving the management of our lands into our own hands.

FOR BETTER SCHOOLS.

Immediate preparations should be begun for the campaign in December for the election of two members of the school board who are in favor of a high school. Eliminate politics altogether, and let all who favor free education join forces. There will then be no doubt of the result.

The auditorium is under construction, and the pipe line for our national gas is being laid. Can't we get to work on that railroad now?

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Water has, indeed, a very important place in our animal economy. When the supply runs low, the voice of nature is quickly heard, and its name is thirst. This sensation will impel men to brave almost any danger or undergo almost any plan to satisfy it. If it goes very far, accompanied by a rapid lowering of muscular strength and energy, until exertion becomes almost impossible; but on a fresh supply of water being taken, an extraordinary change takes place, and strength and muscular vigor are at once restored.

An abundant supply of water is, therefore, especially a matter of most urgent necessity during great muscular activity—either by man or beast.—Will Carleton's Magazine.

Office Greater Than the Man.

Once when Gov. Douglas occupied the executive chambers on Beacon hill he went to Provincetown for a week-end visit, says the Boston Herald Saturday afternoon the deacons of the Methodist church learned that he was to attend that place of worship, and hung a glaring poster to that effect on the outer walls. The next day the church was packed, and as the chief executive of the commonwealth entered everybody arose and stood in respectful silence until he was seated.

The next year he was again a visitor to the Cape town, and attended the same church. Only half of the seats were occupied when he came in, and not a soul stood up. "It's the office rather than the man that receives attention in Provincetown," said Mr. Douglas to a friend after the services.

In Semblance at Least.

Once while we were journeying in England the guard put into our compartment a little girl who was traveling alone. She was eight years old and French, she told us in the animated conversation she at once entered upon, so unlike the demure little English child. "I have let my house in Paris," she said, "and come to live in England, where I like it very much. There is the loveliest old gentleman where I live now—oh, how I love him!" and she dramatically held her hand to her heart. "I call him grandfather, my dear grandfather."

"And is he a grandfather?" we queried.

"I do not know," she replied, "but he is made just like one."—Lippincott.

Utensils for Jelly-Making.

For jelly-making a new granite or enameled ware kettle is preferable to the old-fashioned porcelain-lined or iron pot that has been in use year after year. It is not an extravagance to buy a new kettle each season. A new wooden spoon is better than an old one which has probably been used for stirring catsup, chili sauce, or pickles. The wood retains the odor of onion, and the heat of the boiling fruit juice is apt to bring the flavor out, which is often disagreeable. After emptying a jelly glass or fruit jar, it should be washed, the cover replaced, and put away in the closet for use next year. It is economy to buy new rubber rings for your jars as you need them.

FIVE COUNTIES STILL MISSING

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 12.—The official canvass up to noon today of 100 counties gives Hoch, Republican, a plurality over Harris, Democrat, for governor, of 1,703. The unofficial returns from the five missing counties make Hoch's plurality 1,977.

Democratic Chairman Ryan this afternoon conceded the reelection of Governor Hoch by about 1,500 plurality. He said, "We will make no contest. We are well satisfied with the result."

THE MARKETS

Daily Report of Current Prices in Vinita.

PRODUCE

Quotations furnished by the Vinita Produce company:
Country butter, 11c
Eggs, per doz, 31c
Hens, per lb, 7c
Old roosters, each 10c
Spring chickens, each 12c
Turkeys, per lb, 11c
Geese, per lb, 6c
Ducks, per lb, 7c
Green salt hides, per lb, 9 to 10c

GRAIN

Daily grain market quotations furnished by the Frisco Mill Co.:
White corn, per bu, 28c
Yellow corn, per bu, 26c
Wheat, 90 test, 30c
Oats, per bu, 22c

TO DISMISS THE CASE

Washington, Nov. 12.—In U. S. supreme court of the United States today Solicitor General Hoyt filed a motion on behalf of the government to dismiss the case of the state of Kansas against the United States for the possession of Indian Territory lands claimed to have been granted to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway, and which are estimated to be worth at the present time upwards of \$10,000,000. The motion is based on the contention that the state of Kansas has no substantial interest in the case.

FAST MAIL IN A WRECK

St. Louis, Nov. 12.—Two coaches and a sleeping car of the Missouri Pacific fast mail train from Kansas City were thrown from the track by a broken rail and turned over near Eureka, Mo., early today, and eleven passengers were injured. The most seriously hurt are C. A. Brown, injured internally, and Rev. Manley J. Braker, injuries to back. Both gentlemen live in St. Louis.

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